

HALL COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING FEBRUARY 8, 2005

The Hall County Board of Equalization met February 8, 2005 by published call and from regular session.

MEMBERS PRESENT – Members present were Scott Arnold, Jim Eriksen, Dick Hartman, Bob Humiston, Bud Jeffries, Pamela Lancaster and Robert Rye. .

10:05 a.m. Jeffries made a motion and Rye seconded to go into a board of equalization meeting. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

COUNTY TREASURER EXEMPTION APPLICATIONS – Hall County Treasurer Doris Mason presented the following exemption applications:

Central Nebraska Child Advocacy Center, P. O. Box 844, 207 North Pine, Grand Island, Nebraska for a 2002 Ford 4/door, to be used for educational presentations, coordination of Child Abuse investigations and to provide transportation for clients as needed for services, to attend training and to attend court hearings. She recommended approval under Nebraska State Statute 77-202.

Overland Trails Council Boy Scouts of America, P.O. Box 1361, Grand Island, Nebraska for a 2005 Dodge Van, to be used by the scout executive for business use. She recommended approval under Nebraska State Statute 77-202.

Lancaster questioned if the vehicle for the boy scouts could be used for personal use if it was for the director. Mason stated that by state statute the definition is to be used exclusively for business and this application meets the definition.

Arnold made a motion and Rye seconded to approve the exemption application for Central Nebraska Child Advocacy Center and for the Overland Trails Council Boy Scouts of America. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

Arnold clarified that the concern on the use of this vehicle for the Boy Scouts was a generic question and he would assume that they would be under penalty of law if the use was not correct.

COUNTY ASSESSOR JAN PELLAND APPROVE PERMISSIVE EXEMPTION APPLICATIONS – County Assessor Jan Pelland was present. The exemption application form for the real estate and personal property has changed this year, now a statement of reaffirmation of tax exemption is filed if it is a renewal. If it is a new property they have to file the form 451 exemption application. The following new applications were received for the board's approval:

Centro De Vida Cristiana, 1414 East 6th, Grand Island, for real property at Lambert's Add Lts 5 & 6 Blk 12 to be used for church meetings, vacation bible school and youth group meetings. County Assessor Jan Pelland recommended approval under Nebraska State Statute 77-202.

Goodwill Industries of Greater Nebraska Inc. 1804 South Eddy, Grand Island, for personal property located at 1832 Seedling Mile Road for the warehouse of donated goods to be used for items of sale at Goodwill Store sale proceeds are used to support clients' activities and training. She recommended approval under Nebraska State Statute 77-202.

Rye made a motion and Eriksen seconded to approve the new exemption application for Centro De Vida Cristiana and Goodwill Industries and approve the renewals as listed. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

DISCUSS & APPROVE REFEREE PROCESS AND AUTHORIZE CHAIR TO SIGN CONTRACT – County Assessor Jan Pelland requested the board's approval for the resolution appointing the referees for the 2005 tax year and to authorize the board to sign the contract, this process has been used since 1995. The resolution is the same except for new appraisers and the contract is the same dollar amount as last year and the total is \$33,500.00. If there are additional costs for the referee process it would require the board's approval.

Eriksen made a motion and Hartman seconded to approve the contract and authorize the chair to sign and approve Resolution #05-003 appointing the referees for the 2005 tax assessment year. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

Recessed the board of equalization meeting until after the bid opening.

Returned to the board of equalization meeting.

Pelland requested to set the formal hearings for board of equalization. She proposed to set the informal hearings for June 13th through 17th, June 20th through 24th and June 25th through July 1st. July 5th through the 8th would be used to complete the paperwork. The Board of Equalization is required to meet three days for the formal hearings. July 12th is a regular board meeting and she suggested a special session for the final action on July 21st or the 22nd.

The following dates and times were set for the formal hearings:

July 12 Tuesday	2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
July 13 Wednesday	10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
July 14 Thursday	2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Final action on the protests will be Friday July 22nd at 9:00 a.m.

Jeffries made a motion and Rye seconded to approve the formal hearing and final action for the board of equalization as stated. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

Pelland stated that she is revaluing all of the residential homes and also the rural residential. The pricing will be on the computer system. The valuation of the land on residential was included last year now the buildings will be revalued this year. He noted that the board still needs to look at the total value.

Rye made a motion and Eriksen seconded to go out of the Board of Equalization meeting. Arnold, Eriksen, Hartman, Humiston, Jeffries, Lancaster and Rye all voted yes and none voted no. Motion carried.

10 20 a.m. Returned to regular session.

Marla J. Conley Hall County Clerk